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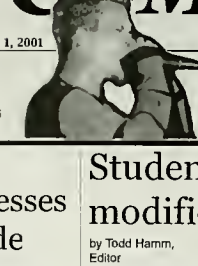

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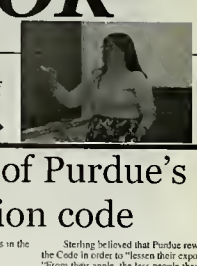

Linda Wagner in teaching form

Local businesses provide student discounts

by Mishanna Wood,
News Editor

The Indiana-Purdue Student Government Association (IPSGA) has begun using contracted student, faculty and staff discount cards. For the past two years, IPFW was using the Student Advantage Card, which offered as cardholders a variety of national discounts. IPFW's dispersal of Student Advantage Cards was discontinued in September because members of IPSGA felt that the cost of the card ($20) was too expensive for the amount of discounts available to local cardholders.

A person had to sign up for AT&T long distance services in order to use the card at no cost. In addition, there were only a small number of local businesses that honored the card. Contracts between IPSGA and local businesses concerning discounts were sent out in November. The contracts are valid until December 2002.

"Students can still purchase Student Advantage online or through College Club. Locally, we felt there weren't very many discounts available. Most of the Student Advantage discounts were for large national companies and online businesses," said Elena Vaccaro, public relations chair of IPSGA.

Vaccaro said that IPSGA hopes to have at least one-hundred businesses on the list. Currently she is waiting for contracts from Arbys, Mastracks and Rallys. She intends on sending out another mailing of contracts by next week.

"The local businesses have been very happy, welcoming and interested. For example, Cinnamonster gave us a ten percent discount," said Vaccaro. Vaccaro will keep updated information about any new companies who have decided to provide discounts on the IPFW Bulletin Boards and the IPSGA website. In a couple weeks discount listings will be located at the Walb Union Information Desk, The Gates Sports Center service desk and the information desk on the Center Hall.

For more detailed information Vaccaro can be contained via email at Earthandice@hotmail.com

Discount details, locations

Aunnie Anne's Pretzels, Inc.
Glenbrook Mall
10% discount

Atz Ice Cream (North store only)
3235 N. Anthony Boulevard
10% off any purchase, excluding items on sale and package items

Cinnamonster
Glenbrook Mall
10% off any purchase

Cutters Gallery
2309 Spy Run
10% off all services and hair products

Exhaust World Inc
4504 Lima Road
10% discount on any repair, brakes, exhaust, shocks and struts

Fox & Fox Frame Service
512 Van Buren
Fort Wayne
5% discount on parts and labor, excluding body shop/collision repairs

Health Food Shoppe of Fort Wayne
3515 N. Anthony Boulevard
10% discount on single serve, ready to eat items

Indiana International Collision, Inc.
3330 Engle Road
10% discount up to $100 on any auto body repair

Student leaders question merits of Purdue's modification to non-discrimination code

by Todd Hamm,
Editor

Purdue University's Jan. 8 modification to its non-discrimination section of the Student Code came under fire yesterday afternoon as members of the Senate Student Affairs committee met to discuss the possible implications of the modified code.

"The policy has been weakened. There's actually fewer protections now," Jeff Sterling, United Sexualities CEO and IPSGA Senate Pro-Temp said. "They extended the protections for sexual orientation, then they turned right around and took the teeth right out of it."

Sterling argued that the new wording of the Code, "IPFW prohibits discrimination against any member of the university community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam era veteran" creates what he called a set "laundry list" of categories that Purdue is responsible for protecting.

Sterling said that the old wording, which reads "No qualified person will be denied admission or employment, nor will any student or employee be subjected to discriminatory treatment or be excluded from participation in any education program or activity...," has no boundaries on who is protected.

"Before they couldn't use any reason to discriminate. Now there's just what is in the laundry list," Sterling said.

Sterling noted that a portion of Purdue's modification to the Code entitled "Limitations of Remedies" makes the "ability to use very hard." It does so, he said, because persons described in the section have time limits in which they must file their complaints for them to be valid, have to file the complaints in Tippecanoe county, and can only sue for up to $25,000, which does not include attorney fees and several other types of damages.

"There's nothing like this for the other categories. Under the old policy they didn't have these artificial limits. It's treating these three new areas as different," Sterling said.

Sterling believed that Purdue reworded the Code in order to "lessen their exposure." "From their angle, the less people they have to agree to protect, the less possibility they have to be sued or to be wrong. From a student's point of view that's a bad issue to take. There should be no discrimination period. For any reason."

Others at the meeting agreed with some of Sterling's statements.

"I don't think that the administrators should go ahead with this without at least knowing our viewpoint," said Sarah Donaldson.

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Line to the traffic lights

Photo by Deddy Jong, Photo Editor

The Anthony/Coliseum entrance on the south side of campus is often a spot for heavy traffic.

Holmes email messages mistakenly sent to Bible College

by Mishanna Wood,
News Editor

South Carolina Bible College has been receiving emails intended for members of the IPFW community, according to a message on the IPFW bulletin boards by Jackie Roehlings, secretary in University Relations. The bulletin stated that, one of the messages was very large and contained a research paper.

According to Bob Kostrubanic, director of ITS, the messages swamped the Bible college's server. Kostrubanic said the college was not upset about the emails, however it wanted to know what was happening. At the current time it is uncertain exactly how many email messages have been sent to the college.

ITS strongly advises members of the campus community to double-check all new email addresses, especially when they are added to an address book. This precaution may help lessen the amount messages sent to the wrong person(s) on a repetitive basis. For example if one person sends out an incorrect address, then it will be sent on to yet another person. Pretty soon, ten people are sending messages to the wrong address. Most likely, the Bible college was the recipient of such an occurrence.

Mike Mourey,IT Services technical support manager, Bart Tyner, Web Coordinator of University Relations and Kostrubanic had a meeting about the incident on Tuesday. They came to the conclusion that the misdirected emails were results of mistaken addresses.

"Mis-addressed eMails, which find a legitimate address out on the Internet, once someone catalogues the mistaken address in their eMail addressbook as "valid," they will continue to mis-send their eMails to the wrong person until they realize they aren't getting through," said Kostrubanic.

IPFW's upcoming "plan of action" in this matter is to call the college and explain why it was the recipient of IPFW mail. Then, they will proceed to seek ways in which the senders of the information can be found. Next, ITS intends to inform the person(s) of the error.

Walb computer lab extends weekday hours to 2 a.m.

by Mishanna Wood,
News Editor

Tuesday, Jan. 23 was the first day the computer lab in Walb 221 stayed open until 2 a.m. These are trial hours that will be studied over the course of the spring semester to learn if students use the labs during the new hours, according to Bob Kostrubanic, director of ITS. A final decision of whether or not to keep the hours permanent will be made by the Information Technology Policy Committee (ITPC) at the end of the semester.

"For the first week, I was surprised to see a significant amount of students. On Wednesday night (of last week) there were16 students who stayed until closing. I also worked on Friday night and there were five computer science students who stayed until closing and worked on their programming. I think it's really helping the students," said Mafizur Bhuiya, a Walb student consultant.

Indiana-Purdue Student Government Association (IPSGA) brought the idea to the attention of ITS in October. The IPSGA representatives claimed that many students want for the computers in the 24-hour lab to become available.

They felt that more hours in Walb would make computers more accessible to students during early morning hours. Kostrubanic said that the ITPC had discussed the hours during a meeting on Nov. 16. At first they were only going to have extended hours towards the later weeks of the semester, but later decided to try it out for the full time period.

ITS will be able to account for the numbers of students using the labs when they log in with their user ID and password, according to Kostrubanic.

"The number of students logged in at any time is automatically tallied to provide data for staffing, software licensing and overall management of the labs and telecommunications network," said Kostrubanic.

"No decision has been made as to what the minimum number of students will have to be to make the extended hours permanent, basically because it is the use pattern over time that dictates whether the lab is useful to the students or not. That is also why the experiment will be tried for a full semester before the decision is made. If it is genuinely useful, the pattern should make that clear."

Kostrubanic said that the chances of other labs extending their hours is unlikely. First of all, said Kostrubanic, the peak usage of Walb's 65 computers is only 65 percent. He said the value and cost of increasing the hours in more labs is economically hard to justify.

"We hope that the trial succeeds in providing the services that students need. Any other suggestions for meeting unusual needs will likewise be examined and, if justifiable, would be added," said Kostrubanic.

"This is the second week of extended hours and I am expecting more people to come this week," said Bhuiya.

The Walb lab is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. On Saturdays it is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays from12:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

African culture week features programs, films

by Gloria de Faria,
Chief Reporter

The International Studies Program has collaborated with other IPFW departments and programs in present the community with a series of events during African Week, Feb. 12-16.

The events, which were sponsored with the assistance of Women's Studies, will be free and open to the public.

According to Nancy Virtue, associate professor of French and coordinator of the event, there is very little in this campus related to Africa.

"One of my goals is to make Africa more present in the lives of this community, if possible. We want a lot of people to attend the events because it is really a good opportunity that we don't often get in Fort Wayne," said Virtue.

A lunch and discussion will take place on Monday Feb.12, from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Walb Ballroom. Participants who have become familiarized with Africa will introduce the topic.

At 7, on Wednesday, Jan.31, a charming film with a bittersweet, coming of age story, entitled "Rocking" ("ça Twiste a Poponguine") will be shown at the Cinema Center.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, the film "Kankou and the Sorcerers" will be shown at the Cinema Center also. It features a child who gave birth to himself in order to save an African village from the spells of Karaba, the sorceress. Other movies will be shown on Feb. 13, 21, and 28, including "Workers of the African World," "Women with Open Eyes (Les femmes aux yeux ouverts)," and "Sankofa," respectively.

The films deal with issues ranging from slavery to the lives of contemporary African women from four western African nations.

In addition on Thursday, Feb 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Neff 101, there will be a panel discussion: "Gender and Human Rights in Africa." Guest lecturers include following African Studies Scholars: Akosua Perbi, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at Manchester College and Senior Lecturer and head of the department of history at the University of Oregon; Obioma Nnaemeka, associate professor of French, Women's Studies and African-American studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and Boubacar N'Diaye, assistant professor of political science at the College of Wooster, in Wooster, Ohio. The professors will also be visiting classes.

According to Landa Fox, director of Women's Studies, the interest of women's studies in Africa is related to the fact that women's issues are global, reflecting the interests of both gender rights and human rights.

"This is a very important week because many times there are misconceptions about Africa. During the week, there will be an attempt to inform people about the different aspects of the countries that make up the Continent," said Fox.

Student participation at protest receives applause

To the editor:

I would just like to bring attention to the actions of the IPFW students and others who were involved in the protest two Saturdays ago at the courthouse in downtown Fort Wayne.

It is so refreshing to see young people in the Fort Wayne area come forward and actually express some disgust with the way our country is conducting itself.

There are too many in this community who just go along with the flow. I think they did everyone a service by acting on their views and also doing it in such a manner that deserves respect, whether or not one backs the political views they were expressing.

Sincerely,

Rob Hoverman

Transitional Studies thanks staff for article, makes clarification

Dear Communicator,

The entire staff wishes to thank you for your kind review. We appreciate your coverage of Transitional Studies as one of our goals is to help as many people as possible.

We would like to clarify two points: English R150 is a study skills class that it taken because students, not just non-native speakers, have placed into the class or because they have elected to take the class. Even though this course has an English prefix, it is a study skills course where students fine-tune their study strategies.

The second point is that study skills assistance or tutoring is available for everyone through Transitional Studies.

Hopefully, in the future, we can post comments made by students who have received tutoring assistance on the Web. We want all students at IPFW to use our tutoring services. Students who have high GPA's know how to get A's and one way is to use a tutor.

Transitional Studies is located in Kettler G23.

For more information about tutoring, please call 481-6817.

Sincerely yours,

Rachelle Darabi, interim director of Transitional Studies

Jane Ehle, assistant director of Transitional Studies

Greg Anderson, developmental skills specialist

Sally Fitch, office manager

Staff appreciates feedback on newspaper

by Heidi Saliba
Managing Editor

Thank you so much to everyone who wrote in this issue with letters or comments to the editor! It is exciting to hear back from our readers, and your commentary adds significantly to the quality of the Opinions page. Putting together The Communicator each week is challenging...the rush to make deadline, ideas for stories, the hope for new letters... our work revolves around communication.

Not all communication that goes to press (in this and other newspapers) is intended to reflect editorial views of its producers. In fact, newspapers and other media sometimes run controversial or unusual pieces for the sake of balance, perspective, and to check on its readers.

Yes, I said to check on them.

To check and see whether anyone cares about what's in the paper. In the Bible, I believe the book of Isaiah, the Lord is quoted as saying, "My people fall for lack of knowledge." While news stories are not always (if ever) written with that edict in mind, the lesson necessarily holds true to one of the purposes of a free press. Without information, change is unlikely to occur. It is not possible to discuss remedies for social ills if people are not aware of its symptoms. People are informed, if not empowered by, access to the latest information on current events. News media, as scribes, document and interpret the times in which we are living.

But news is not a one-way street.

The mark of a free society is whether its citizens can—and DO—speak for or against different issues. The writing of a letter to the editor is one way of making a voice heard. The Opinions page of news publications exists solely and specifically for the sacred cow we know as free speech. Here, people can exchange and debate ideas, values, positions and meanings of the day's happenings and proposals. People are often encouraged, influenced, awakened and angered by the thoughts, words and actions of others. Herein lies the empowerment.

In free society, it would be better for news publications to receive ten letters of outrage and know someone cares, than to have zero response, which implies apathy and/or submission. Feedback is essential to the life of mass media, and serves to inform reporters and editors on what their audience needs. Consumers, by way of feedback, can set the agenda just as much as producers.

"How expression relieves the mind..." May Sarton wrote, in her 20th-century book, "As We Are Now." It is better to responsibly challenge an idea and risk sparking a flame, than to silently smolder in a grudge-holding state. Our world is poorer for eloquent but unspoken words.

Come alive! Challenge us! Please do it respectfully, and in good conscience, for we are mere mortals like everyone else. Pick your battles and march to them gracefully, but please let us hear back from you. Did you enjoy an article or feature? Were you miffed by the context in which something was written? Do you have an idea for news or features? Share them with us! Share your valuable insights about the "Consider this..." quotes. Send your impressions of what's really important. Thoughts and ideas are the lifeblood of a university, and this newspaper is only strong in relation to the involvement of readers. It is the student newspaper, and is funded largely by monies collected from student fees.

Students, send in your sound-offs, your beefs and delights. You are the future. Faculty and staff, I challenge you to write in. You are trained and knowledgeable professionals and the readers of this newspaper would benefit from your opinions. Administration, we value your insights and want to hear what you think, support, discourage and advise. And to the members of IPSGA, it would be nice for the students you serve to hear from you every once in a while. The Communicator is distributed all around campus and can be read any time of the day, whereas not everyone can attend Student Government meetings.

So often we hear that people don't want to write letters to the editor because there is nothing to complain about that week. Guess what? There doesn't have to be. It is okay to send in your praises of others, this school, the newspaper, whomever. Catch somebody doing something good, and say something about it! Make your thoughts known.

Oh, and finally, please sign your name. It takes far more courage and forethought to take ownership of your assertions, than to engage in the sometimes spiteful nature of private intellectual squabbling. Be proud of what you write. Take time to formulate your best ideas and backing. This type of thinking, analysis and criticism are precisely the pillars upon which engaged citizenship rests.

So—write on!

Submissions to the editor

Reflecting upon Professor Downs: A student's view

Dear Editor and to whom it may concern,

I had the pleasure and the chance to know Michael Downs here at IPFW and during my work as one of the many people who worked the elections. Michael Downs was a great person to be around with and to have class with. Every now and then, I would pop into the political science and history department, and he would be there talking to his secretary. During the time I had him as professor, he would give me great knowledge in the world of politics. He would help in many areas from how to write an essay on his exams, to helping me out with a paper on comparing state constitutions to the big term paper on the McGovern-Fraser Reforms of 1972 in Y205.

Dr. Downs had knowledge on politics. So, it was great that I had a chance to talk to him before my nomination to be on the student government election about what to expect from this new experience. And, after the final political science class I took with him, I would pop my head in the door every Saturday morning before a ball game to say hi.

It's ironic that on the Saturday that a new president was sworn-in, we would see him the last time, teaching Y105 to students in front of him and to the students who watched it on College 56. He was telling students what the difference was between "un" and "qual" that day.

When I get done with a class after 16 weeks of tests, exams, quizzes, questions and answers, I would go up to the professor and kindly say, "It's been a pleasure knowing you." To the family of Michael Downs, it was a pleasure knowing and talking to him during my time at IPFW. Michael Downs will be sorely missed at IPFW.

My thoughts and prayers go to the family of Michael Downs. Goodbye, my friend, you will be sorely missed!

Dan Westrick
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Department chair appreciates coverage, remembers Professor Mike Downs

Dear IPFW Community and Communicator Staff:

I was pleased by your quick coverage of the tragic and untimely death of Professor Downs. Many of us (University Faculty) toil in relative obscurity with the hopes and goals that we enlighten a few, entertain some, further the human knowledge base and reduce ignorance. Professor Downs was one of the rare few who accomplished that and more. He was able to touch many on this campus, in Fort Wayne, across Indiana as well as nationally. I think we all as humans want the respect of our family, peers, colleagues, friends and foes and Mike was able to earn that respect from everyone. I will miss his scholarly comments on local and national politics. I respect him for his ability to be a kind, dedicated and proud family man. I will miss his counsel, friendship, and good humor, but most of all I will miss him for the good man he was to all of us.

Respectfully,
Frank V. Paladino
Professor and Chair of Biology

Additional reaction to the death of Mike Downs

I was a student of his when I was a student at IPFW many years ago. I wasn't sure of what I wanted to specialize in in philosophy. I was a political science minor, and then I took a course in political theory from Mike Downs. My interest in political philosophy was ignited by that course. That was the chief reason I picked political philosophy as a major area of study. You multiply that story by many times over, and you have the value of Mike Downs.

Ken Lang
Visiting Professor, Philosophy Department

Response from instructor about RAD article commentary

I am writing in response to an editorial written by Bret Freizer in the January 18, 2001 issue of The Communicator. Mr. Fraizer's editorial was in response to an article written about RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) published on January 11, 2001.

Reporter Mishanna Wood approached Amy Wilson and me about writing an article in The Communicator to inform the IPFW community about the RAD program. I am sure that neither Mishanna nor The Communicator's intent in the article was to classify all men as rapists, but to report the facts as they are given. RAD recognizes FBI projections that suggest that one out of three women can expect to be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. With this in mind, Lawrence Nadeau started RAD in 1989. It was specifically designed with women in mind, and is now setting the standard for women's self-defense classes throughout the United States and Canada.

We would welcome Mr. Fraizer's wife to any RAD class that we have scheduled throughout the year. The RAD system believes that "Safety and survival in today's world require a definite course of action. We provide effective options by teaching options by which women take an active role in their own self-defense and psychological well being."

Jeffrey W. Davis
RAD Instructor/Police Officer
of the IPFW Police Department

Consider This...

"Consider this" is a feature of the Opinions Page which lists quotes for consideration and scrutiny. The quotes are not intended to endorse or prescribe any particular viewpoint, but rather to provide starting points for discussion. Please respond to, sound off, support or challenge these quotes via submissions to the editor.

Please read and reply to: salihd01@holmes.ipfw.edu

"The philosophy known as Legalism was, in considerable degree, a philosophy of counterrevolution, seeking to defend the authority of the ruler against the increasing insistence that government exists for the people, not for the ruler, and that any government that fails to satisfy the people stands condemned." --from "Chinese Thought. From Confucius to Mao Tse-Tung," (p. 114), by H.G. Creel, 1953.

"If reverence for the bills of rights obscures the fact that our civil liberties are not so secure as we think, worship of a constitutional system of government that has worked so well for so long a time tends to blind us to its manifest defects." --from "Freedom and Responsibility in the American Way of Life" (p. 93), by Carl L. Becker, 1945.

"Above all I impose on the leadership and following of the nation the obligation to hold fast to the racial laws and to carry on unmercifully resistance to the world poisoner of all nations—international Jewry." --Adolf Hitler's final message to the German people, April 28, 1945.

"Well how can you talk if you haven't got a brain?"
"I don't know, but some people without brains do an awful lot of talking..." --conversation between Dorothy and the Scarecrow in the movie, "The Wizard of Oz."

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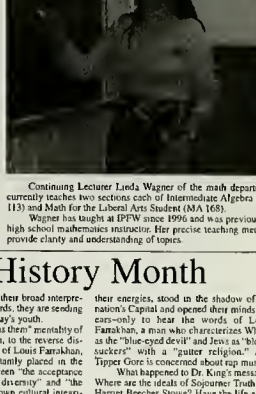
All submissions made via e-mail must be verified by phone or in person. Submissions via mail or e-mail without this information will not be published, except under extraordinary circumstances. Class standing or title are also requested. Addresses and phone numbers will never be published.

Submissions must be typewritten.

The editorial board of The Communicator reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, grammar, style and clarity. Letters deemed libelous by The Communicator's editorial board will not be published under any circumstances.

Excellent Educators Series:: Linda Wagner of the Math department



Featured this week in the Excellent Educators Series is Linda Wagner of the math department. Wagner is an IPFW continuing lecturer who currently teaches two sections each of Intermediate Algebra (MA 113) and Math for the Liberal Arts Student (MA 168). In the past, she taught Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (MA 101 and MA 102), as well as Algebra and Trigonometry (MA 151 and MA 153), Calculus for the Managerial, Social and Biological Sciences I (MA 229) and an education course on Secondary Math Methods. She has been at IPFW since 1996.

Wagner previously instructed at Central Michigan University and the University of Illinois, the latter of which is her alma mater. At this level, she instructed classes on computers and probability and statistics for elementary and secondary teachers. She taught algebra, geometry, trigonometry and general math for five years in high school.

Renowned as a meticulous micro-manager of mathematics education, Wagner's strengths include precision, perception and consistency. She has a very practiced and fine-tuned ability to present both basic and abstract mathematical concepts in salient and sustainable ways. That is, one understands almost immediately the importance and implications of what she is saying.

It is stabilizing and inspiring to be taught by a person who cares so much about students. Many have argued that research and publications are the main reasons for universities to exist. To an extent, that is true, but without students, educational institutions would not survive. Wagner's respect for and support of the goals of both students and the university are evidenced by her teaching style and philosophies.

Many of Wagner's former students report that what makes her stand out, indeed as an "excellent educator," is that she exerts people about math—even those who have hated it all of their lives. How is this possible?

By instilling math confidence through careful, specific and mediated instruction in concert with the needs of individuals and groups. Students get excited when they feel successful and Wagner's sense for this need is keen and adept. She exemplifies the qualities future educators are trained in and doesn't stop at the "what," but goes on to the "why." In class, she encourages (and often requires) students to come up with the "how" on their own, after exploring the previous two questions. Her thoroughness is truly remarkable.

The university and its students are doubly blessed to have Wagner as a continuing lecturer.

Continuing Lecturer Linda Wagner of the math department currently teaches two sections each of Intermediate Algebra (MA 113) and Math for the Liberal Arts Student (MA 168).

Wagner has taught at IPFW since 1996 and was previously a high school mathematics instructor. Her precise teaching methods provide clarity and understanding of topics.

Editor's Note. Articles included the Excellent Educators Series may or may not have been written by members of The Communicator staff. Submissions from STUDENTS are encouraged and welcomed, with the understanding that any and all contributions to this column will be published anonymously. The purpose of this series is not to compare or contrast one instructor/professor with another, but rather to to highlight and recognize teachers who make significant differences in the lives of their students. As such, the articles will focus wholly on the professors being featured.

An additional reason for the anonymous publication of these articles is to prevent conflicts of interest between writers and the teachers they praise. Any students who would like to contribute to this series should forward their comments by email to sobhd01@holmes.ipfw.edu.

13th Annual Pride Plus Award Nominations being sought to honor clerical and service staff

The Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee is soliciting nominations for the Thirteenth Annual Pride Plus Award. This recognition and reward for outstanding service to IPFW will be presented to one clerical staff employee and one service staff employee at the Clerical and Service Staff Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, April 4, 2001.

All IPFW employees are encouraged to participate in the award process by nominating the person who best meets the criteria listed in the Pride Plus Award Guidelines (see contact numbers below). Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by another employee. The deadline for submitting nominations is 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23. Please send your completed forms to Louise Misegades, NF 330C.

If you have questions, please contact Bob Krach (x6764 or email 'Krach_R') or Anna Martin (x6682 or email 'Martin'), or your CSSAC representative. The nomination form is also available on the web at the CSSAC home page (www.ipfw.edu/essac).

Editorial on Black History Month

Editor's note: The following editorial commentary was found on www.thomestream.com. Robert Bowers is a singer, songwriter, poet and activist and has helped raise money for the homeless. His various activities are coordinated through Robo Sound Writings and related entities. The article is reprinted with permission.

A white man's perspective on Black History Month, by Robert Bowers
c 2000 RoBo Sound Writings

February is Black History Month–so, what does that have to do with us "white people?" Obviously, more than any of us are willing to admit. It's my understanding that the primary intention for Black History Month is to remind us all of the role black men and women played in the shaping of the world in which we live. But I believe it should also make us mindful of their involvement in the current ever-growing diversity of our overall racial landscape–a world where the mixture of black and white truly becomes a very gray area.

Dr. Martin Luther King spoke of his dreams of "a (world) where children are not judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." And these are words that the leaders of today's Black community say they use as a mantra for their teachings and influence. Yet, some of the most notable and influential figures of today are somehow losing sight of Dr. King's message. When they make their broad interpretations of Dr. King's words, they are sending a mixed message to today's youth.

From the "us versus them" mentality of Reverend Jesse Jackson, to the reverse discrimination and bigotry of Louis Farrakhan, today's youth are constantly placed in the middle of a battle between "the acceptance of their role in social diversity" and "the understanding of their own cultural integrity." You witness this in every quote-antiquote "de-segregated" school lunchroom–where children of the same race and socio-economic background naturally matriculate to "people like themselves." You witness this on every television set–when you find the choices limited to "Friends" or "Moesha." You witness this on college campuses, where social openness and intellectual expansiveness are merely phrases engraved on a sidewalk or statue in front of an "all-black" fraternity. There is no interaction–there is only co-existence.

Dr. King speaks of a quality of oneness. He states in his famous "I Have A Dream" speech, "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred"–speaking of "that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics will ... join hands and sing ... 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'" Yet, just a few years ago, a "million men" channeled their energies, stood in the shadow of our nation's Capital and opened their minds and ears–only to hear the words of Louis Farrakhan, a man who characterizes Whites as the "blue-eyed devil" and Jews as "blood-suckers" with a "gutter religion." And Tupper Gore is concerned about rap music?! What happened to Dr. King's message? Where are the ideals of Sojourner Truth and Harriet Beecher Stowe? Have the life-altering accomplishments of the influential Blacks of the past become simply that? The past? There are quite a few leaders who are quick to point fingers at the oppressions of the past–yet the pendulum has shifted from one extreme to the other. The "oneness" and "equality" that Dr. King spoke of expressed a need for balance. What purpose is served by pointing fingers then? Where's the balance in that?

All too often, I hear people of certain groups demand that they not fall victim to stereotypes, stating it is unfair to judge the individual by the group, while at the same time, that very group holds me accountable for crimes that have been committed over one hundred years ago.

I agree that no person should be categorized–no person should be victimized, no person should be ostracized...but every person should realize...it comes down to personal responsibility. And you don't have to take my word for it, read Dr. King's words for yourself. It's all there, in black and white.

The best way to cut energy costs

State lawmakers can support two bills which can help our state reduce demand for energy, particularly demand for natural gas. We are asking you to support these bills by contacting Governor O'Bannon, your State Representative, and your State Senator.

Information on how to do this can be found at the end of this message. (Also, please send an e-mail that says "I Did It" in the subject line to cac fwayne@prodigy.net after you have contacted the Governor and your state lawmakers. That will help us to determine how effective this e-mail alert list is.)

The idea behind both bills is this: most news coverage and most discussion about energy prices focuses on increasing energy supply. We are told energy prices are increasing because demand for energy is outstripping supply, and that we therefore need more natural gas wells, more electric power plants, and more oil exploration.

It's like the only thing in our toolbox is a hammer, so we treat everything like it's a nail.

Yet in many cases, increasing the supply for one form of energy increases demand for another. For example, most new electric generating plants burn natural gas. Currently, 8690 megawatts of additional power plants are approved or being reviewed in our state. This figure represents 43 percent of Indiana's current power generation capacity, and is 5000 megawatts more than will be needed in Indiana by 2005, as projected by the State Utility Forecasting Group.

Merchant plants use voluminous amounts of natural gas. An 800 megawatt base load merchant plant would use as much natural gas as used in city of Indianapolis in one year. Merchant plants currently represent about 10 percent of the increase in demand for natural gas. They also reduce summer storage reserves for winter heating.

In other words, building more merchant plants could increase the cost of heating homes.

A more sensible approach is to encourage policies which reduce energy demand. However, there are obstacles to this.

Often, these obstacles are economic: many of the people who most need help to cut energy bills are those least able to make their homes more energy efficient. Low-income families often live in older, drafty houses which are poorly equipped to keep the heat produced by propane, oil, electricity or natural gas. They can barely afford to pay their current energy bills, much less make investments to reduce future bills.

This affects all of us. Many low-income families receive taxpayer-funded energy assistance to help them pay their bills. If these homes are poorly insulated or have inefficient furnaces, we are spending more tax dollars than need be to help that family stay warm. And even without publicly funded energy assistance, any family which is using energy inefficiently is driving up energy demand. This drives up energy costs for all of us.

CAC is supporting two bills which help Indiana cut energy demand.

House Bill (HB) 1979 would establish siting standards for merchant power plants which would establish a public interest standard to determine:

- Whether new power plants proposed for Indiana are needed,
- The best location for needed power plants, and
- Whether these plants are acceptable to local government.

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Code

"It' restricting our rights," said Benjamin Van.

Rob Loper believed that the wording, especially under the "Limitations of Remedies" section was "unconstitutional" and would not hold up in court.

Although the new Code is in effect and has been since Jan. 8, IPFW is "seeking clarification" about the stipulations in the Remedies section of the modified code, said Frank Borelli, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Borelli has been consulting with Alysa Rollock, Vice President for Human Relations at Purdue West Lafayette.

At present, Borelli has postponed "consulting with the campus community on the new policy" until he has received clarification. Borelli has said that after he receives clarification he will consult with the Student Senate, Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, and the IPFW Community Advisory Council.

Borelli said that he does not "agree with [Sterling's] reading and interpretation" of the modification. "The protections against discrimination in the new policy are as inclusive as the previous policy," he said.

"It is my understanding that Purdue University, IPFW included, still will not tolerate discrimination against any person in the University community for any reason," Donna Bialik, Dean of Students said. "My understanding stems from my reading of Parts I and II of Executive Memorandum No. D-1 (Revised) and a recent telephone discussion with Alysa Rollock."

"I am not sure, however, how to interpret Part VII, 'Limitation of Remedies.' I too are making inquiries in that regard," she said.

According to Part I section E of the IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct, if the board of trustees, which is Purdue at West Lafayette, "adopts an amendment not approved by IPSGA or the Fort Wayne Senate, either IPSGA or the Fort Wayne Senate may withdraw its endorsement of the rights and responsibilities in whole or in part." Sterling has said that the modifications to the Code have yet to be approved by IPSGA.

Sterling has been in contact with student and faculty governments on other Purdue campuses, making them aware of his objections to the new Code. He currently is trying to get IPSGA here on campus to object to the new code.

"There's no way that we can honestly support this new policy that takes away rights from other students. We still have to do the will of Purdue, but it doesn't mean that we cannot object," Sterling said.

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Superb dialogue, contorted plot make 'Snatch' a winner

by Todd Hamm
Editor

Since its release, "Snatch" has been trashed by critics. They have scolded the movie for its incomprehensible dialogue, its hard-to-follow plot and its similarity to cult favorite "Pulp Fiction." Most of the blame has been placed on director Guy Ritchie's shoulders.

I say all the critics who have attacked this movie are full of s***. Especially those who blame Ritchie. I cannot believe Rollingstone's recent argument against him. They made a point of highlighting his recent marriage to Madonna and somehow decided that he was just her "boy toy" and not really a good director.

If you see "Snatch," you'll probably disagree. I haven't been to a movie as fun to watch as "Snatch" since "Go" came out a few years ago. So what if the plot and the stars' accents are really hard to follow? A movie that is a challenge to understand is always more interesting than one that is straightforward

"Snatch" stars Brad Pitt, Benicio Del Toro and Jason Statham.

★★★★

I welcomed the difficult British and Gypsy accents. It was a nice change of pace. In Fort Wayne, we simply have far too few opportunities to see films from England and, for that matter, anywhere else.

The British accents in the movie are only difficult to understand for about five minutes. Once you become accustomed to them, the movie becomes intriguing

Critics have been especially harsh with regard to Brad Pitt's performance. They mainly focused on pulling apart his accent in the movie. I don't understand how any of these critics could have found the accent difficult to understand. Maybe they're just lazy. He's an American trying imitate a British gypsy's accent. He's so bad at it that half of his words sound American and the other half sound somewhere in between Mel Gibson's Scottish "Braveheart" accent and, wall, an actor without an accent coach

Despite what critics say, you can understand him. Despite what characters in the movie say, you can understand him. The running gag in the film is that all the British characters can't understand Pitt's and his fellow "Pikeys," or gypsies', accents. Throw in an American diamond buyer and the joke reaches another level: he esn't understand the Brits or the gypsies. And all the characters are constantly asking each other what the Pikeys are saying. Altogether, it makes for amusing word play. Although it is not alluded to in the movie, I wondered if Brits have as much trouble understanding our American accents as we do theirs. I think that it would have made for even more amusement in the film if Ritchie had written this aspect into his script.

The film is kind of like a smorgasbord of London characters and plot lines. All of them center around a big diamond. The diamond is first in the possession of Franky Four Fingers (played by Benecio Del Toro who also happens to have a bizarre accent). Franky lives in a van and is a lowlife thief with a penchant for gambling. He keeps the diamond locked away in a briefcase that is somehow anatomically attached to his arm

Franky plans to sell the gem to a London jeweler (Robbie Gee) who works for an American jeweler (Dennis Farina). Before he can make the sale, however, he is kidnapped by three more London lowlifes. These hoods have been hired by Boris the Russian, who knows about the diamond.

Boris kills Franky before learning the combination to the briefcase. (The hoodlums don't know about the diamond yet, but figure something's up.) Boris must chop off Franky's arm to get the case away

Pretty soon the local Brit-mafia-don, Brick Top, catches wind of the diamond and sends his boys out to get it. Brick Top runs illegal fights and also likes to feed people he has killed to his pigs. Brick Top gives a long speech in the movie about how pigs apparently can digest the human body very well

Brick Top also employs Turkish and his boyish sidekick, Tommy. These two spend much of their time looking for boxers for Brick Top. This causes them to cross paths with Pitt's character, Mickey O'Neil. Pitt plans to sell them a really dilapidated caravan (apparently for fighters to sleep in.)

When Turkish and Tommy and one of Brick Top's fighters pull away in their European SUV, with the caravan attached, it comes off of its axles. Brick Top's fighter gets mad and challenges Pitt to a boxing match. Pitt happens to be a champion bare knuckle brawler.

Brick Top's man knocks him around for a time while Pitt loosens up and stretches out in the ring. Then he punches Brick Top's man once, which sends him to the hospital. This puts Turkish in a bind: They've lost Brick Top's fighter. Who are they going to find to replace him?

The movie, as you can see, is difficult to summarize. The plot is, as the movie's predecessors' plots were, highly complex. And, like its predecessors, in the end each story comes together in a bloody showdown.

The movie is not nearly as complex as "Magnolia." It is on more of a "Pulp Fiction" level

Clearly "Pulp Fiction" inspired this movie. There are numerous similarities: Both involve eccentric lowlifes; both intertwine numerous interconnected crime stories; both have a character who knows how to deal with dead bodies (Mr Wolf in "Pulp Fiction" and Bullet Tooth Tony in "Snatch"); both have scenes in which criminals attempt to rob other criminals, but are talked out of doing so; both films have samurai swords which kill people; and both films involve jewels that are locked away in brief cases

"Snatch" however has a decidedly different, more dry sense of humor. Most of the jokes are not really too obvious. There is plenty that I am leaving out here. Much of the plot cannot be summarized in just a few columns. I will add that there are several hilarious scenes involving a mutt that likes to swallow things like big diamonds and squeaky chew toys that make him squeak when he barks.

I think this movie is a challenge to American audiences simply because it contains a plot that twists every which way and has accents that are difficult to comprehend at times. But movies that are challenging are always welcome. I think, especially in a movie market such as ours where we are inundated with action flicks, dull comedies, and sappy dramas

Downbreed lives, breathes rock star life

Downbreed bassist Samuel Honycutt jams at a local show

Story and photos
by Nicole Patch, staff Writer

Local band Downbreed loves to rock and from what I've seen and heard, they are rockin' their way to the top with a unique hardcore sound that heavy metal listeners are sure to love.

Four years ago, four local musicians came together, looking to create a talented, hardcore, original band. The members, Jef Conn on vocals, Gary Wayne on drums, Mark Vela on guitar and Samuel Honycutt on bass, said they had great chemistry and they all just clicked.

Starting out as Out Monkey, they started jamming together twice a week and immediately began writing songs.

After four years, they have a polished style and incredible stage energy.

After interviewing several of their fans, comments about the band included energetic, entertaining, talented, hardcore and crazy. When asked why they liked to come to the shows and to remember their most memorable Downbreed show, one fan, Adam, also a member of another local band, said, "They could also be called Dramabreed. They live the rock star life and drama follows wherever they go."

His most memorable Downbreed show, along with many others, was the show a few weeks ago at Legends. Apparently the singer had a little too much to drink that night and decided to undress while on stage. He sang a couple songs this way before passing out—still naked—in the poolroom. Fans said it was hilarious.

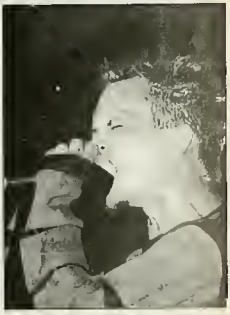
Conn said he didn't remember any of it, but after watching video footage he said, "I was so drunk I could not even sing for s*** and maybe getting naked was the only way I could save out a**. Had I not gotten naked, everyone would've left that night saying we sucked, but instead they were all saying, 'Hey, that dude is really cool. He really knows how to party.'"

When asked to describe some of the most memorable shows, Wayne said, "All the shows where we were thrown out. Like the one at Sunset Reception Hall, where they shut off Jef's mike and he tried to fight the owner and the security guards. We were escorted out by the police and Jef came so close to getting his a** thrown in jail. And the time in Delphus, Ohio, when we got asked to leave after one set because we were too heavy." Other members' favorite shows included playing at the Rising Force Fest in Indy and 98.9 The Bear's tenth birthday party at Pure's. "The show in Indy had a door count of 700. People were stage diving. The people there really dug us," said Conn. The 98.9 birthday party was a sold-out event.

Downbreed Drummer Gary Wayne.

Downbreed has recorded three CDs together, including self-titled album "Downbreed," "To The Core" and "New Shit EP." You can currently buy "To The Core" at any Wooden Nickel, Hastings book store and the Subterranean. They also have CDs, t-shirts and stickers for sale at all of their shows. You can also check out their website at www.Downbreed.com. A new website is being created for them and should be completed within the next few weeks. One will be able to order merchandise when the new site is up and running

More information on Downbreed's upcoming events, can be found in "What's Up" magazine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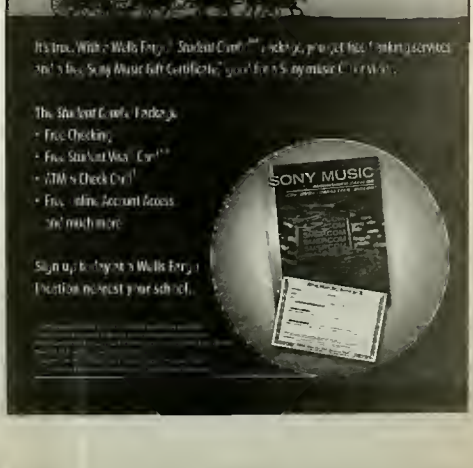

'Temptation Island' suitors lack sincerity

by Mishanna Wood
News Editor

The premise of "Temptation Island," a reality television show on Fox, focuses on four unmarried, attractive couples, who test their romantic relationships against 26 single suitors on a seemingly flawless island in Belize. Their experiences have been exploited every Wednesday on Fox at 9 p.m. for the past month.

I was informed about this show through a friend. She seemed excited about the idea of four single couples "experimenting" with others. She thought the experience of "Temptation Island" would be good and interesting for a relationship. Her perspective was the only input I had about the show before viewing its contents.

The following is a list of the contestants on the show couple one, Yiossie - 34, executive administrator, Taheed - 29, production assistant; couple two, Mandy - 22, aspiring singer, Billy - 26, manager of an outdoor sports center; couple three Valerie - 29, real estate agent Kaya - 28, model; couple four, Shannon - 26, attorney, Andy - 26, owner of a kayaking company.

I have watched three episodes. The fourth episode aired after press time. Below is a brief descripuon of the happenings on the island.

The men and women are separated into two groups and placed on different sides of the island. Prior to their separation, they had ten minutes to speak with their partner before leaving them for two weeks.

Each group started off with 26 single suitors they could choose to date. Periodically throughout the show, the groups vote one suitor off off the island. Each couple chooses one person for his or her mate that is off the limits of dating. They can also choose to view their significant others' dates and personal video messages.

At this point, couples three and four seem to be doing quite well. They have been sending each other personal messages as well as refusing to see each other's dates.

On the other hand, Yiossie and Taheed started the visit off on the wrong foot with an argument. They exchanged harsh looks and unloving words. Tahe.d continued with their strained beginnings by refusing to send his girlfriend a personal message.

Mandy and Billy started off well, until she got a little too close to one of the suitors. When Billy saw her actions onscreen he went to another woman's cabin to seek revenge.

My View: 'Temptation Island' can be amusing at times; however, the end result is just pointless.

The more I watch this show the worse it gets. It's just a bunch of beautiful young people, parading around on a beach. The idea behind the show is a nice try but it just doesn't work.

First of all there are many factors that affect the actions of the people on the island. They are evaluating the quality of their relationship in a televised and unnatural environment. I find it hard to believe that people would act completely normal in front of the eyes of millions.

Second, I believe the suitors' actions toward the contestants would be lacking in sincerity. Most likely the suitor would become a celebrity if he or she were responsible for separating a couple.

Next, I think people have to work at relationships hard enough without the extra agitation of a fantasy situation.

Finally, as I pointed out earlier, this show is far from being realistic, which defeats its whole purpose. Fox should dump the show and replace it with something more useful.

Health Matters

Are you feeling the effects of low back pain?

by Lisa Witherspoon, R.N.
Guest Writer

Have you ever gotten up in the morning and felt pain in your lower back and you're not sure why it's there? Suddenly, you remember that you picked up that coffee table without help the day before. This incident, and many others like it, is what can bring about the problems associated with low back pain.

Low Back Pain (LBP) strikes up to 80 percent of adults during their lifetime, and 30-50 percent struggle with LBP during a given year. According to an analysis of research studies published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, certain incidents may occur that increase the chance for back pain problems. For example, back pain can result from an identifiable traumatic back injury or a strain to the back that is initially unnoticed by the individual. This event then starts to produce pain in the lower back which usually resolves itself within a few weeks. However, in a small number of individuals, the pain can become chronic. Certain risk factors such as smoking, obesity and degenerative changes of the spine can also increase the chance of back pain problems.

There are several tips to help individuals control or reduce the discomforts of LBP. For example, avoid prolonged standing or sitting. If standing is a must, rest one foot on a small stool or box or shift your weight frequently. When sitting, sit in a straight-back chair and place a soft cushion at the small of your back to maintain good back support. When lying down, avoid sleeping on your stomach and place a pillow under the knees when sleeping on your back.

Experts at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommend the following: In the case of lifting, keep the back straight and keep the object as close to the body as possible. Lift with the leg muscles and not the back muscles. Do not bend over to pick up objects from the floor. Rather, squat down and avoid twisting the trunk of the body.

Exercise can also be beneficial in reducing LBP. Exercise can lead to weight reduction in individuals who are overweight and weight loss decreases the stress and strain that is placed on the back muscles. Exercises that individuals may perform are flexor and extensor exercises. For example, the knee to chest flexor exercise involves lying on the back with knees bent, tightening abdominal muscles to push the back down to the mat and then bringing one or both knees to the chest and holding for 5-10 seconds. The upper trunk extension exercise involves lying face down with arms to the side, lift the head and neck and hold for a few seconds. The prone push-up is another extensor exercise. It involves lying on your stomach, keeping the body stiff with hands extended in front and then raising the upper body while keeping the arms extended in front.

Moist heat and ice packs can also be used to help relieve LBP. Heat packs or hot towels can be placed to the lower back for 20-30 minutes, four times a day. Ice packs can be placed to the lower back for 10-15 minutes every 1-2 hours as needed.

Keep in mind, if you take care of your back, it will take care of you.

The Communicator is looking for people to review both movies and music this semester.

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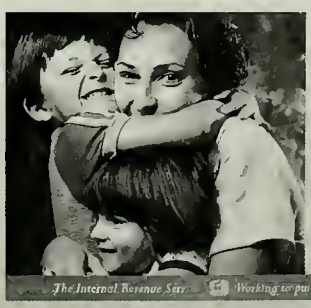

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The sports world: wife-beating, money-hungry lack of integrity, sportsmanship

by C.J. Shroeder
Staff Writer

An important question. what exactly is the world coming to? I mean, there are shootings in schools, earthquakes killing thousands of people in a single country and the most powerful country in the world electing a former male cheerleader as its president. Can't you just see our government's new foreign policy? "Go Americans! Beat Saddam! Give me a U! Give me an S! Give me an A!"

Anyway, here is a deeper and truly much more important question: what exactly is the sports world coming to?

For starters, there is arguably the most gifted passer in the NBA, Jason Kidd, smacking his wife around and then skipping a six-game road trip his team was about to embark on in order to deal with his problems (this hiatus from the court incidentally placing a serious stress on my fantasy basketball team).

Then we have Ray Lewis, Super Bowl MVP and defensive anchor of the champion Baltimore Ravens. This year the future Hall-of-Famer celebrated a Super Bowl victory with sprays of champagne, when only last year he watched his friends celebrate a Rams' Super Bowl victory with sprays of blood. The '00 celebration left two people dead, the most recent probably just left a lot of Giants wishing they were dead.

And how about my old pal, Alex Rodriguez, formerly of the Seattle Mariners? Formerly. It seems the Mariners could not produce the cash needed to keep a man as important as Rodriguez in rainy Seattle. Forget the pitiful millions they had to offer, Rodriguez decided to move on to greener pastures-about a quarter of a billion dollars greener, actually. I hope he only hits seven homeruns, the greedy jerk.

So what is the sports world coming to? I do not know, but I know where it is going: its journeying to hell in a hand basket. A hand basket being carried by greed (Michael Jordan and his record $35 million-one-year-deal, Rodriguez and Tiger "Oh, look at everyone exploiting me!" Woods), disgrace and shame (Kidd, the Redskins, Barry "Daddy, I'm sick of football-sniffle sniffle whaaaaa" Sanders) and murder (Lewis, Ray Carruth, O.J Simpson. I don't care if the glove fit or not, the man did it.)

That is where the pro sports world is going, anyway, and I have a feeling collegiate and prep sports are right behind. Every year, more and more college players skip out of school for professional drafts.

Every year more and more universities get busted for illegal practices regarding their sports programs. I will not even get started with the Bob Knight debacle. And just look at high school and middle school and YMCA summer leagues and all those wonderful "soccer moms and dads" who beat other spectators to death at their children's hockey games.

Where has the trademark integrity and sportsmanship of physical competition gone? Nothing against beating your opponent half to death or totally demoralizing, humiliating and psychologically destroying them, but how about some dignity here?

Perhaps my words come too late. It seems the world of sports long ago began this downward spiral into the abyss-perhaps nothing can save it now.

But I do happen to have a few suggestions:

1) Make Kobe Bryant commit to the full 'fro or no 'fro; that pathetic half-Afro thing is just plain annoying.

2) Let's make baseball bearable again. Cut down that repetitive, endless season to something more manageable. Something like the 16-game football season or maybe we could just skip the regular season and playoffs and go straight to the World Series. That would be pretty easy. We could just have all the team managers draw straws to see who gets to play against the Yankees.

3) Let Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis fight already. I want to see Tyson get whupped up again.

Well, those are all of the ideas I have for the sports world. I tried to think of some for the other areas of the world, but everything seems pretty much okay to me. Hey, did you hear that Jennifer Lopez finally dumped that Puffy jerk? I wonder who her Valentine is going to be now?

"Give me a C! Give me a J!"

Good looking out, George W.

Intramurals enjoys fun, entertaining season

By Ron Clark
Intramural Director

Photo by Ron Clark

The 2000-2001 Intramural Co-Rec Volleyball Champions, Bill's Kids, celebrate their victory.

The intramural sports program just ended the first session of indoor volleyball with a "spiking" success. With six teams and over 75 participants, faculty and staff, IPFW students, and even some coaches met for some heated competition.

The season concluded with teams having the following records:

1. Sexy "B's" (5-0)
2. Bill's Kids (4-1)
3. Team Suga (3-2)
4. IPFW men's/women's soccer team (2-3)
5. Dennis and the Menace (1-4)
6. Grandpa Hokem and the Sugar Frosted Funk Daddies (0-5)

The tournament concluded this past week with many close games. Top seeds Sexy "B's" and Bill's Kids received a first-round bye. Dennis and the Menace easily handled Grandpa Hokem 25-14 and 25-16. The Soccer Team defeated Team Suga in a tight match 25-22, 23-25 and 15-11.

In the first semi-final match, Bill's Kids defeated the Soccer Team 25-16 and 28-26. Dennis and the Menace advanced to the finals via default of the Sexy "B's." The finals pitted Bill's Kids and Dennis and the Menace, last year's champion. Bill's Kids triumphed 25-21 and 25-23, naming them the 2000-01 Intramural Co-Rec Volleyball Champions.

In other Intramural action, the Co-Rec Intramural Racquetball A and B League Tournaments will begin on Feb. 19. Intramural basketball will begin on Feb. 5. Coming up later this spring will be flag football and the second session of Intramural volleyball. Teams can sign up for Intramural Sports by contacting Ron Clark at 481-6617.

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The IPFW men's/women's soccer team poses after finishing the season at 2-3

Men's, women's basketball takes on Lewis, Wisconsin-Parkside

Women
IPFW 66,
Lewis 72

IPFW(11-8)
Werntz 3-7 1-1 9; Smith 2-50-0 6; Fleming 8-14 2-2 19; Dudley 1-3 0-6 2; Holderman 6-12 3-4 18; Geralds 0-7 2-2 2; Schuster 0-8 6-0 0; Douglas 3-8 0-0 6 Totals 26 57 13-17 68
Lewis(9-10)
Gunnell 5-10 0-0 11; Wong 2-6 2 6 5; Callahan 3-6 0-0 8; Watterson 3-7 5-6 11; Simon 3-11 7-8 13; Rooks 4-7 1-2 12; Buchholz 0-1 2-2 2; Speckman 1-2 0-0 2; Smith 0-2 0-0 0; Rauch 2-2 0-0 4 Totals 21-52 17-22 72.

Halftime-IPFW 28, Lewis 39 End of Regulation-IPFW 66, Lewis 72 3-Point goals IPFW 7-16 (Fleming 1-1, Holderman 3-6, Geralds0-1, Werntz 1-4 Smith 2-6), Lewis 5-12 (Gunnell 2-4, Callahan 2-2, Rooks 3-6, Buchholz 0-1, Speckman 1-1). Fouled out-IPFW-Dudley, Lewis-None Rebounds-IPFW 26 (Geralds 6), Lewis 36 (Rooks 9) Assists-IPFW 16 (Fleming, Holderman 4), Lewis 16 (Gunnell, Wong 5). Total fouls-IPFW 19, Lewis 18

Men
IPFW 75,
Lewis 85

IPFW(5-16)
Woodall 1-2 1-2 3; Noll 6-12 3-2 14; Wise 6-13 5-5 20; L. Henderson 0-2 0-0 0; Ressenich 3-6 1-2 7; Miller 0-0 0-0 0; K Henderson 1-5 0-2 5; Shepherd 4-15 2-3 18; Oyler 4-6 3-5 11; Crow 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 29-61 12-15 75
Lewis(4-8)
Carter 5-7 1-3 11; Batamburs 5-9 3-6 17; Hunter 1-6 0-0 2; Virostko 5-8 4-6 16; Real 5-7 5-5 16, Bacino 5-8 0-1 12; Callahan 1-2 1-1 3; Knakve 3-6 0-1 6; Biercy 0-8 0-0 0; Donlow 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-52 17-22 85

Halftime-IPFW 37, Lewis 56. End of Regulation-IPFW 75, Lewis 85 3-Point goals-IPFW 9-24 (Woodall 0-1, Noll 3-5, Wise 3-7, Ressenich 0-1, K Henderson 0-3, Shepherd 0-1, Oyler 3-5, Crow 0-1), Lewis 8-14 (Batamburs 4-7, Virostko 2-4, Bacino 2-3) Fouled out-IPFW Woodall, Lewis-None Rebounds-IPFW 26 (Shepherd 11), Lewis 32 (Real 7). Assists-IPFW 25 (Woodall 9), Lewis 21 (Batamburs, Hunter, Bacino, 4) Total fouls-IPFW 17, Lewis 17.

Women
IPFW 79
Wisconsin-Parkside 67

IPFW (12-6)
Werntz 1-4 5-6 8; Smith 1-5 2-2 4; Fleming 9-17 2-6 24; Dudley 3-5 0-0 6; Holderman 9-20 8-12 31; Schuster 0-0 0-0 0; Douglas 1-1 2-4 4; Geralds 0-7 2-2 2, Totals 26-60 21-30 79
Wisconsin-Parkside(5-13)
Pickering 2 5 0-0 6; Sublett 9 21 0-0 19; Jury 1-2 0-0 2; Rodeger 8-10 2-3 18; Crank 2-9 1-2 5; Webel 0-6 0-0 0; Campbell 5-7 1-2 11; Brunk 0-2 2-2 2; Schaefer 2-4 0-0 4 Totals 29-67 5-10 67.

Halftime-IPFW 39, Wisconsin-Parkside 39 End of Regulation-IPFW 79, Wisconsin-Parkside 67. Three-Point goals-IPFW 10-28 (Wertz 1-6, Fleming 4-5, Holderman 5-13, Geralds 0-4), Wisconsin-Parkside 1-13 (Pickering 2-4, Sublett 3-5, Nebel 0-1, Brunk 0-3). Fouled out-None Rebounds-IPFW 35 (Wertz 10), Wisconsin-Parkside 46 (Rodefer 10). Assists-IPFW 11 (Wertz, Smith, Fleming, Holderman 3), Wisconsin-Parkside 17 (Nebel 4) Total fouls-IPFW 12 Wisconsin-Parkside 18.

Men
IPFW 55
Wisconsin-Parkside 63

IPFW(6-15)
Woodall 2-4 0-0 7; Noll 1-7 2-6 6; Wise 5-12 4-5 19; L Henderson 0-0 1-2 0; Ressenich 6-7 0-0 6; Miller 2 2 0 0 5; K Henderson 0-3 0-0 0; Shepherd 4 12 1-1 9; Oyler 0 1 0-0 0; Crow 1-6 0-0 2 Totals 21-53 4-13 55
Wisconsin-Parkside (7-10)
Coffman 5-11 1-6 15; Grice 6-21 2-3 16; Homan 4 8 0-0 9; Knuth 4-16 3-5 11; Maastricht 2-8 2-2 6; Carp 1-1 0-0 2; Pogodzinski 2-3 0-1 5; Gerres 0-0 0-0 0; Flowers 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-56 10-16 63.

Halftime-IPFW 20, Wisconsin-Parkside 38 End of Regulation-IPFW 55, Wisconsin-Parkside 63. Three-Point goals-IPFW 5-19 (Woodall 1-2, Noll 0-4, Wise 3-8, Miller 1-1, Shepherd 0-1), Wisconsin-Parkside 5-10 (Coffman 2-3 Homan 1-3, Maastricht 0-1, Pogodzinski 2 3) Fouled out-None Rebounds-IPFW 33 (Shephed 8), Wisconsin-Parkside 60 (Maastricht 11) Assists-IPFW 10 (Woodall, Noll 4), Wisconsin-Parkside 11 (Grice 5) Total fouls-IPFW 17, Wisconsin-Parkside 16

By Nathan Diehl
Sports Editor

Playing a pair of conference games on the road isn't always the easiest of tasks, however, it is a task that the IPFW men's and women's basketball teams always attack with earnest and go all out for.

Playing Lewis University on Jan. 25, the men's team lost a tight game, 79-85. The Dons had four players in double digits, with Nick Wise scoring a game-high 20 points, Matt Shepherd scoring 18 points to go with his 11 rebounds, Brad Noll with 14 and Nick Oyler hitting three of five three-point attempts for 11 points. DeAngelo Woodall had nine assists and three steals.

The women's team also lost a close game to Lewis, 68-72. Tosh Fleming had a game-high 19 points and Jamie Holderman added 18 points. Amy Geralds and Lindsay Werntz added nine points and eight points, respectively.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, the teams traveled to Kenosha to take on Wisconsin-Parkside. The women's team came away with a 12-point win, 79-67. The Dons were led in scoring by Holderman with 31 points in a 40-minute effort. Fleming added 24 points, including hitting four out of five three-point attempts.

The men's team struggled during the first half and went into halftime down by 18. They were able to pull their way back into the game in order to end the game with a much more respectable 55-63 loss. The Dons were led in scoring by Wise with a game-high 19 points. Shepherd added eight rebounds.

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